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POLAND: Tense Church-State Relations

Tension between the Church and the regime will increase as a result of a recent reevaluation by senior Church officials of the government's motives and intentions.

Archbishop Glemp believes the regime broke an implicit "contract" by dissolving Solidarity. Consequently, the Church will make no more efforts to promote a dialogue between the authorities and society.

The source also said that the regime is returning to the repressive policies of the early 1950s, that the new government-sponsored unions would be a farce, and that the authorities had no chance of winning the allegiance of the younger generation. In addition, he stated there would not be any meeting soon between Glemp and Premier Jaruzelski.

Comment: Until Solidarity's dissolution, some leaders of the Church probably hoped that Jaruzelski's reputation as a moderate would still lead to some conciliatory policies. Nonetheless, the Church will not deviate from its longstanding policy of seeking to avoid bloodshed or become actively involved in maneuvering against Jaruzelski.

Church leaders, moreover, have their own institutional interests in keeping frictions to a manageable level. Recent Soviet criticism probably also will encourage Church leaders to be cautious.

The Church, however, may become more assertive in blaming the regime for the failure to establish a dialogue and could become more openly involved in defending human rights. The new tension in Church-state relations could delay planning for the Papal visit next year, even though Glemp still wants it to be held on schedule.

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